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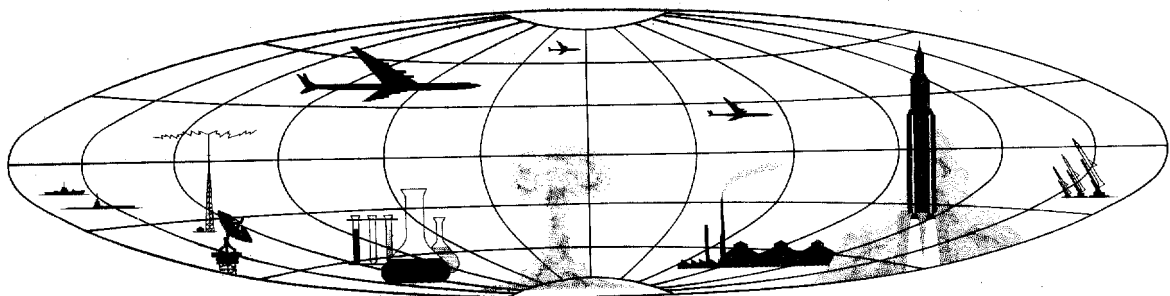


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PREFACE

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THIS REPORT REPRESENTS THE PRELIMINARY INTERPRETATION OF [REDACTED] MISSION 3225, DATED 15 MAY 1963.

THIS REPORT DEALS PRIMARILY WITH THE HIGHEST PRIORITY INTELLIGENCE ITEMS APPEARING IN THE COMOR TARGET LIST. HOWEVER, IT ALSO INCLUDES OTHER SIGNIFICANT TARGETS OBSERVED DURING THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY. TARGETS ARE ARRANGED BY SUBJECT AND, WITHIN EACH SUBJECT, BY COMOR TARGET NUMBER, WHICH APPEARS AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE. SIGNIFICANT TARGETS NOT IN THE COMOR TARGET LIST ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE SUBJECT FOLLOWING THE COMOR LISTED TARGETS.

-AIRFIELDS-

DONG HOI AIRFIELD 1731N 10636E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

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[REDACTED]

VINH AIRFIELD 1843N 10540E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

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NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
AIRCRAFT -- ONE PROBABLE COLT.

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BAN PHAN HOP, LANDING STRIP 1733N 10546E
(LAOS)

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TCHEPONE AIRFIELD 1643N 10612E
(LAOS)

3 NM NW OF TCHEPONE.
3,800 X 70 FT NE/SW LATERITE RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE,
WITH 450 FT SOD OVERRUN AT NE END.
FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE T-SHAPED SUPPORT BUILDING
ADJACENT TO SOD PARKING AREA NEAR SW END OF RUNWAY,
APPROXIMATELY 6 BUILDINGS AMONG TREES EAST OF SERVICE
AREA 900 FT FROM SW END OF RUNWAY, APPROXIMATELY 6-8
BUILDINGS AMONG TREES 600 FT WEST OF SUPPORT
BUILDING. CONSIDERABLE TRACK ACTIVITY OBSERVED
AMONG TREES EAST OF CENTER OF RUNWAY.
AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.
DEFENSES -- TRENCHES WITH 6 BUNKERS BETWEEN RUNWAY
AND SERVICE ROAD AND AW POSITIONS (OCCUPANCY
UNDETERMINED) EAST OF CENTER OF RUNWAY.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

VINH, MILITARY COMPLEX 1840N 10541E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

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COMPLEX COMPRISES 6 MAJOR MILITARY AREAS IN VINH AND
VICINITY.

AREA A (VINH MILITARY CAMP, CITADEL, IN CENTER OF
VINH) -- APPROXIMATELY 23 BARRACKS AND 6
ADMINISTRATIVE AND 40 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

AREA B (NE EDGE OF VINH) -- 66 BARRACKS, 4 MULTISTORY
BUILDINGS CONNECTED BY 4 PASSAGEWAYS, AND 14
ADMINISTRATIVE, 23 STORAGE, AND 29 SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

AREA C (WEST SIDE OF VINH) -- 9 BARRACKS AND ONE
ADMINISTRATIVE AND 5 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

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AREA D (ONE NM NW OF VINH) -- 74 BARRACKS AND 4 ADMINISTRATIVE AND 71 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

AREA E (NW EDGE OF VINH) -- 20 BARRACKS AND 12 ADMINISTRATIVE AND 16 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

25X1D AREA F (ONE NM EAST OF VINH) -- 42 BARRACKS, 25 PROBABLE BARRACKS, AND 14 ADMINISTRATIVE (2 UNDER CONSTRUCTION) AND 110 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

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MUONG SEN, MILITARY CAMP 1923N 10408E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

[REDACTED]

25X1D IN MUONG SEN.
UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF BARRACKS/STORAGE-TYPE BUILDINGS OBSERVED.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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TCHEPONE, MILITARY AREAS 1642N 10613E
(LAOS)

[REDACTED]

THREE MILITARY AREAS IN TCHEPONE VICINITY.

AREA 1 (.2 NM WEST OF ROUTE 9 BRIDGE OVER SE BANG HIENG AT 16-42N 106-13E) -- 9 LARGE AND 8 SMALL BUILDINGS.

AREA 2 (.5 NM EAST OF ROUTE 9 BRIDGE OVER SE BANG HIENG AT 16-42N 106-14E) -- 16 LARGE AND 8 SMALL BUILDINGS.

25X1D AREA 3 (.4 NM SOUTH OF ROUTE 9 BRIDGE OVER SE BANG HIENG) -- RECTANGULAR WALLED AREA CONTAINING 2 LARGE AND 2 SMALL SUPPORT BUILDINGS.

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BAN THONG LOUAN, MILITARY AREA 1736N 10511E
(LAOS)

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LAK SAO, MILITARY AREA 1811N 10459E
(LAOS)

[REDACTED]

25X1D INSTALLATION WITH 14 BUILDINGS OBSERVED ONE NM SE OF
UNNAMED ROAD-ROUTE 8 JUNCTION. NO MILITARY ACTIVITY
OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN AREA.

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NAPE, MILITARY AREA 1819N 10504E
(LAOS)

[REDACTED]

25X1D APPARENTLY OLD TRENCH SYSTEM ENCIRCLING HILL
IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF ROAD AND 2 BUILDINGS OBSERVED
IN AREA. NO OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT
OBSERVED.

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MUONG PHINE, MILITARY AREA 1632N 10602E
(LAOS)

[REDACTED]

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PLAINE DES JARRES, MILITARY COMPLEX 1928N 10315E
(LAOS)

10 NM RADIUS OF PLAINE DES JARRES.
TRACK ACTIVITY, EARTH SCARS, TRENCHES, SEVERAL
PROBABLE AAA POSITIONS, BARRACKS/ADMINISTRATIVE
AREA, AND NEW CONSTRUCTION AT 19-39N 103-23E
COMPRISING SEVERAL STRONGPOINTS, TRENCH SYSTEMS,
AND SMALL POSSIBLE LANDING STRIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION
OBSERVED.

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BAN NABO, MILITARY AREA 1644N 10608E
(LAOS)

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NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN AREA.

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MUONG MOC, MILITARY AREA 1855N 10359E
(LAOS)

25X1D

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN AREA.

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BAN NA PHO, MILITARY AREA 1736N 10532E
(LAOS)

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NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN AREA.

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BAN BAN, MILITARY AREA 1939N 10333E
(LAOS)

25X1D

NORTH EDGE OF BAN BAN.
MILITARY AREA, ENCIRCLED BY TRENCH SYSTEM, CONTAINS
7 PROBABLE BARRACKS, ONE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 2
PROBABLE STORAGE BUILDINGS, 12 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, A
SMALL, PROBABLE EARTH, 120 X 80 FT WNW/ESE LANDING
STRIP (NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED), AND 5 TRUCKS.

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BAN NHOMMARATH KEO, MILITARY AREA 1738N 10509E
(LAOS)

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BAN SA LOA, MILITARY AREA 1717N 10556E
(LAOS)

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NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED WITHIN
A 5 NM RADIUS OF BAN SA LOA.

MAHAXAY, MILITARY AREAS 1725N 10512E
(LAOS)

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BAN THA PHA CHON, MILITARY AREA 1713N 10544E
(LAOS)

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NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN AREA.

BAN A. CHOC AREA, SEARCH 1653N 10632E
(LAOS)

25X1A

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POSSIBLE MILITARY AREA, 2.5 NM WEST OF BAN A. CHOC,
CONTAINS 7 LARGE POSSIBLE BARRACKS AND 6 SMALL
POSSIBLE SUPPORT BUILDINGS. TRENCHES OBSERVED
IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF POSSIBLE MILITARY AREA.

NONG HET, MILITARY CAMP 1929N 10401E
(LAOS)

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NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE
OBSERVED. NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT

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DONG HOI-MU GIA PASS, ROAD & RR SEARCH 1728N 10637E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

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NO VEHICLE CONVOYS OR ROAD CONSTRUCTION OBSERVED
ON ROAD FROM 17-38N 106-30E TO 17-43N 105-48E.

BARTHELEMY PASS-VINH ROAD 1926N 10407E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

25X1D

NO VEHICLE CONVOYS OR ROAD CONSTRUCTION OBSERVED
ON ROAD FROM BARTHELEMY PASS (19-26N 104-07E)
TO VINH (18-40N 105-41E).

KEO NEUA PASS-VINH, ROAD (ROUTE 8) 1823N 10510E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

25X1D

NO VEHICLE CONVOYS OR ROAD CONSTRUCTION OBSERVED
ON ROAD FROM KEO NEUA PASS (18-23N 105-10E) TO
VINH (18-40N 105-41E).

VINH LINH-SOUTH VIETNAM, ROAD 1704N 10702E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

25X1D

NO ROAD CONSTRUCTION OBSERVED.

BAN TAUP-BAN NATHALANG, ROAD 1608N 10606E
(LAOS)

APPROXIMATELY 80 PER CENT OF ROAD NOT OBSERVED
DUE TO FOLIAGE AND OBLIQUITY.
NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ON VISIBLE

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25X1D SECTIONS (PRIMARILY BAN NATHALANG VICINITY) OF ROAD.

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BAN NAM KA PO-BAN NA PANG, ROAD 1708N 10540E
(LAOS)

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED
IN VISIBLE AREAS OF ROAD.
FOLIAGE LIMITS INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

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BAN NHANG-BAN MENE, ROAD SEARCH 1622N 10601E
(LAOS)

25X1D HEAVY FOLIAGE PRECLUDES OBSERVATION OF ROAD.

[REDACTED]

PETCHING-MUONG NONG, ROAD SEARCH 1607N 10638E
(LAOS)

25X1D NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.
FOLIAGE AND OBLIQUITY PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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BAN WATT-MUONG NONG ROAD 1654N 10624E
(LAOS)

NATURAL SURFACE, DRY WEATHER TRAIL EXTENDS GENERALLY
SOUTH FROM BAN WATT (16-54N 106-24E) TO ROUTE 9 AT
16-38N 106-52E, DEPARTS ROUTE 9 AT 16-38N 106-26E,
EXTENDS GENERALLY SSE TO MUONG NONG (16-22N 106-30E).
NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR ROAD CONSTRUCTION OBSERVED.

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BAN PHOU KHENG-BAN SI NHO, ROAD 1732N 10510E
(LAOS)

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BAN SI NHO-NORTH VIETNAM, BORDER SEARCH 1751N 10504E
(LAOS)

25X1D OBLIQUITY AND FOLIAGE PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION
OF APPROXIMATELY 80 PER CENT OF ROAD.
NO VEHICLE CONVOYS, ROAD REPAIR/CONSTRUCTION,
OR MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN AREA.

BAN THA PHA CHON-BAN VANG THEUM, ROAD SEARCH 1714N 10549E
(LAOS)

25X1D NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OR ROAD CONSTRUCTION
OBSERVED ON VISIBLE SECTIONS OF ROAD.

MUONG SEN-NONG HET-KHANG KHAI, ROAD SEARCH 1925N 10408E
(NORTH VIETNAM)

25X1D

SCATTERED CLOUDS AND FOLIAGE PRECLUDE INTERPRETATION
OF APPROXIMATELY 25 PER CENT OF ROAD FROM MUONG SEN
TO NONG HET AND FROM APPROXIMATELY 19-31N 103-51E TO
KHANG KHAI, AND CLOUD COVER PRECLUDES INTERPRETATION
OF ROAD FROM NONG HET TO APPROXIMATELY 19-31N 103-51E.
FIVE-TRUCK CONVOY OBSERVED AT 19-27N 104-07E, CONVOY
OF 4 POSSIBLE TRUCKS AT 19-28N 104-06E, AND ONE
POSSIBLE MILITARY TRUCK ON ROAD BETWEEN MUONG
SEN AND NONG HET.

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BAN PHO KHAM AREA, STRONGPOINTS 1935N 10215E
(LAOS)

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2 NM NORTH OF BAN PHO KHAM.
NUMEROUS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED STRONGPOINTS, EACH
ENCIRCLED BY TRENCH SYSTEM, OBSERVED.

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BAN THAPHI, MILITARY AREA 1612N 10537E
(LAOS)

TWO MILITARY CAMPS OBSERVED, ONE IMMEDIATELY EAST AND
THE OTHER APPROXIMATELY ONE NM NW OF BAN THAPHI.

MILITARY CAMP (IMMEDIATELY EAST OF BAN THAPHI) --
CLEARED SQUARE WITH APPROXIMATELY 30 HUTS/TENTS
AROUND PERIMETER, ONE MEDIUM AND 2 OTHER BUILDINGS
NEAR CLEARED SQUARE, AND TRENCH SYSTEM ENCIRCLING
AREA.

25X1D

MILITARY CAMP (APPROXIMATELY ONE NM NW OF BAN THAPHI
AT 16-13N 105-36E) -- SMALL CIRCULAR AREA, SURROUNDED
BY TRENCH, CONTAINING AT LEAST 5 BUILDINGS.

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